(c) Scheduled airlines operating international air services have to comply with the rules and regulations of the Directorate General of Civil Aviation and country of operation with regard to operations, safety, sec rity and related issues.

**Accident at Nagpur Airport**

2336. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that more than hundred of passengers abroad Indigo's Pune-Delhi flight (6E 136) had a providential escape when the flight encountered a deer on the runway on the 7th March, 2008 at Nagpur Airport;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that a few months ago, this airport which is being developed into an International Air Passengers and Cargo hub, had witnessed a similar incident; and

(d) if so, the action Government has taken to ensure the safety of passengers at Nagpur Airport?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. On 07.03.2008, Airbus A 320 of M/s Indigo Airlines operating as Flight Number 6 E 136 had an encounter with a deer on intersection of runway. There was no injury to any passenger and flight was continued safely to destination aerodrome.

(c) Yes, Sir. On 30.12.2007, Air India Express AXB 252 Nagpur-Mumbai flight after departure reported animal hit on runway number 32. After inspection on the runway body pieces of dead boar were found on the runway.

(d) To avoid recurrence of such incidents various steps such as frequent runway inspections before each landing and departure of aircraft, removal of wild growth and bushes all over the aerodrome operational area, stoppage of leakage of water pipe in the operational area (which could have been a source of water to animals), installation of zone guns to scare away animals, installation of reflecting ribbons etc. have been taken.

**Expansion on runways**

2337. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:
SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government has taken a decision to expand the runways of several airports in the country during the next two financial years;

(b) if so, the details thereof, airport-wise and the expenditure expected to be incurred, airport-wise;

(c) whether the State Governments have agreed to provide extra land for the expansion of the runways;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) by when the expansion of runways is expected to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) Details are given in the Statement.

***Statement***

*Airport-wise details of the expansion of the runways and the expenditure to be incurred thereon*

| Sl. No. | Name of the Schemes/Airports | Estimated Cost/ Expenditure (Rs. in crores) | Existing length before extension | New length after extension | Land availability | Probable Date of Completion of extension of runway |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| | **Andhra Pradesh** | | | | | |
| | **Vijayawada** | | | | | |
| 1 | Extension of runway | 48.00 | 5725 feet | 7900 feet | Land provided | Mar.-09 |
| | **Cuddapha** | | | | | |
| 2 | Construction of runway | 23.07 | 3500 feet | 5330 feet | Land available | Mar.-09 |
| | ***Assam*** | | | | | |
| | **Dibrugarh** | | | | | |
| 3 | Ext. of Runway to 7500 ft I/c acquisition of land & associated work | 14.00 | 5400 feet | 7500 feet | Land provided by State Govt. Awaited from Defence authorities | Sep.-09 |
| | **Guwahati** | | | | | |
| 4 | Extension of runway by 360 M. Apron (11 bays), link taxiways | 48.00 | 9000 feet | 10180 feet | Land provided. However, addl. land will be required for futher extension of runway | Sep.-08 |
| | **Silchar** | | | | | |
| 5 | Extension of runway, acquisition of land & construction of boundary wall. | 41.48 | 5855 feet | 7500 feet | Land available and work in progress | Apr.-08 |
| | **Bihar** | | | | | |
| | **Gaya** | | | | | |
| 6 | Extension of runway for A-310 type of aircraft | 10.00 | 7500 feet | 9000 feet | Land not transferred by State Govt. | Subject to availability of land |
| | **Himachal Pradesh** | | | | | |
| | **Kullu** | | | | | |
| 7 | Extension of Runway and allied works including River Training work. | 30.00 | 3700 feet | 5504 feet | DTM study submitted by IIT Roorkee | Oct.-09 |
| | **Jammu & Kashmir** | | | | | |
| | **Jammu** | | | | | |
| 8 | Extension of runway 18 (towards river) | 20.00 | 6700 feet | 8000 feet | One side of runway work completed for which land provided by State Govt. For other side, land not handed over by IAF | Subject to availability of land |

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | **Rajasthan** | | | | | |
| | **Jaipur** | | | | | |
| 9 | Extension runway and strengthening of existing runway and allied works | 81.00 | 9712 feet | 11500 feet | Land available | Planning stage |
| | **Udaipur** | | | | | |
| 10 | Extension and strengthening of runway and allied works | 30.00 | 7483 feet | 8989 feet | Land handed over by State Govt. and work in progress | Aug.-08 |
| | **Maharashtra** | | | | | |
| | **Aurangabad** | | | | | |
| 11 | Extension of runway & allied works | 25.62 | 7500 feet | 9301 feet | Land available | Feb.-09 |
| | **Madhya Pradesh** | | | | | |
| | **Bhopal** | | | | | |
| 12 | Extension & Strengthening of runway | 52.10 | 6709 feet | 9002 feet | Land available | Jun-09 |
| | **Indore** | | | | | |
| 13 | Extension & Strengthening of runway | 79.86 | 7503 feet | 9022 feet | Land available | Jun-09 |
| | **Tamil Nadu** | | | | | |
| | **Chennai** | | | | | |
| 14 | Extension of secondary runway | 510.00 | 7234 feet | 10613 feet | Land not available to be acquired by State Govt. | Mar.-11 |
| | **Madurai** | | | | | |
| 15 | Extension of runway to 12500 ft & associated works | 35.24 | 5900 feet | 7500 feet | Land provided. However, addl. land will be required for further extension of runway | Work completed Feb.-08 |
| | **Trichy** | | | | | |
| 16 | Extension and strengthening of existing runway | 20.00 | 6115 feet | 8000 feet | Land provided. However, addl. land will be required for further extension of runway | Work completed Feb.-08 |
| | **Pondicherry (UT)** | | | | | |
| 17 | Extension & Strengthening of runway | 22.25 | 4000 feet | 4920 feet | Land available | Sep.-08 |
| | **Uttar Pradesh** | | | | | |
| | **Varanasi** | | | | | |
| 18 | Extension of runway to 9000 ft. and provision shoulders etc. | 31.43 | 7236 feet | 9000 feet | Road diversion by State Govt. pending | Jul-09 |
| | **West Bengal** | | | | | |
| | **Kolkata** | | | | | |
| 19 | Extension of secondary runway | 35.00 | 7870 feet | 10626 feet | Land is available (Road is to be diverted by the State Govt.) | Mar.-10 |

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | **Cooch Behar** | | | | | |
| 20 | Extension of runway to 4500 ft. | 6.17 | 3500 feet | 3700 feet | Land acquired by State Govt. | Detailed planning in progress for extension upto 4500 ft. |

**Operation of National Aviation Company of India Ltd.**

2338. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken steps to implement agreements that had been allied with employees related to wages and cadre policy etc.;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken in detail to earmark aviation policy to make a stiff competition to private operators, by the National Aviation Company of India Ltd. (NACIL) as per the market dynamics?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Agreements/Settlements reached with the Unions/Associations of both the erstwhile companies are in the process of implementation. Revision of pay scales have been affected in respect of all employees represented by five Unions/Associations, which have arrived at an understanding with the management, and the executives of the erstwhile Indian airlines. The arrears of wages have been paid/are being paid as per the agreements and action has been initiated to implement the settlement/ understanding on career progression. In respect of erstwhile Air India, in most of the cases where agreements/settlements have been signed, wage arrears or advance have been paid.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Merger of Air India Limited and Indian Airlines Limited into National Aviation Company of Indian Limited has been effected to improve the operational performance/ profitability and to face the increasing competition in the aviation market. The merger has the potential to provide substantial synergy for procurement, sales and distribution besides affording an opportunity for financial restructuring/strengthening by leveraging common assets. Further, the airlines have been permitted to add more capacity by purchasing 111 state-of-the-art new aircraft. Other commercial measures such as route rationalization alongwith introduction of services on new routes, product improvement and joining of "Star Alliance" have also been taken by NACIL to effectively face composition.

**Problem of long queues at Delhi Airport**

2339. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the interim measures taken by Government to deal with the claustrophobic conditions prompted by construction work going on at the New Delhi airport; and